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PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)

First Named Inventor: Ofek, Yoram

SYN 1756

Application Number: 09/535,831

Art Unit: 2662

Filed: March 28, 2000

Examiner: LEVITAN, Dmitry

Title: A SWITCHING SYSTEM AND METHODOLOGY HAVING SCHEDULED CONNECTION ON INPUT AND OUTPUT PORTS RESPONSIVE TO COMMON

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On August 17, 2004, Attorney for Applicants, David H. Sitrick, contacted Supervisory Patent Examiner Hassan Kizou via telephone regarding the Advisory Action—Date Mailed: August 9, 2004, Paper No. 12, for serial no. 09/535,831. (Examiners Levitan and Kizou had been contacted repeatedly by Attorney for Applicants throughout the prosecution of the present application, in order to resolve issues of inventorship and objections raised by Examiners—as referenced by the attached copy of the previously submitted, timely filed COMMUNICATION AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AND AMENDMENT B.)

Examiner Kizou stated that the Petition for Correcting Inventorship for the parent (serial no. 09/120,636--issued US patent no. 6,272,131) of the present application had not yet been processed, and its result was not known at that time. The Examiner said there is nothing they could do, because Applicants are correcting inventorship in the case of an issued Patent, and it went to the Petition Division. Therefore, the Examiner stated that he was unable to do anything since it is another Division of the Patent Office which had not responded. Thus, the issue concerning inventorship was not resolved for approximately 1.5 years after said Petition had been filed. Applicants were not able to file a Request for Continued Examination, because the application would be finally rejected again, since the Petition for Correcting Inventorship had not yet been processed and granted. The Examiners did not suspend prosecution of the pending application while they were waiting for the Petition to be approved. This resulted in unavoidable abandonment of the the present application.

Applicants' Attorney and Paralegal have been in contact with the USPTO on numerous occasions; speaking with Examiners Pizarro, Kizou, Levitan and the Office of Petitions since the aforementioned Petition was transmitted, in order to correct inventorship and promote the prosecution of the above-referenced, present patent application.

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(In the space provided below, please explain in detail the reasons for the delay in filing a proper reply.)

Applicants' Attorney and Applicants' Paralegal, Elise Corrado, spoke with Examiner Levitan on December 9; 2005, December 12, 2005 regarding the status of the afore-mentioned petition and status of the present Application.

Applicants' Attorney spoke with Examiner Pizarro on December 12, 2005 regarding the status of the afore-mentioned petition, and Examiner Pizarro requested that it be re-submitted.

Examiner Kizou spoke with Applicants' Paralegal on December 16, 2005 regarding the status of the afore-mentioned Petition, and stated that he would examine the petition, and if all was in order, he would grant it.

The Petition was finally granted on December 30, 2005 and received, January 9, 2005, by Applicants' Attorney, and a copy of the decision is herewith submitted for Examiners' review.

On January 12, 2006, Examiner Kizou advised Applicants' Attorney to file this Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unavoidably Under 37 CFR 1.137(A) for the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that the present application be revived as it was unavoidably abandoned. Additionally, Applicants respectfully submit that the prosecution of the present application has been delayed through no fault of their own or of their representatives and request a withdrawal of the Final Rejection; Reconsideration of the present application—resulting in a Notice of Allowance or Allowability of the application, including all pending claims; and refund of the fee associated with this Petition.

The Office is invited to communicate directly with the Attorney for Appicants via phone as would be of assistance to expediting prosecution of this matter.

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DECISION GRANTING

PETITION 37 CFR 1.324

This is a decision on the petition filed June 3, 2004 to correct inventorship under 37 CFR 1.324.

The petition is granted.

The patented file is being forwarded to Certificate of Corrections Branch for issuance of a certificate/naming only the actual inventor or inventors.

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Patent No. 6,272,131 B1

Patented: August 7, 2001

On petition requesting issuance of a certificate for correction of inventorship pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 256, it has been found that the above identified patent, through error and without any deceptive intent, improperly sets forth the inventorship.

Accordingly, it is hereby certified that the correct inventorship of this patent is: Yoram Ofek, Riverdale, NY: Mario Baldi, Cunco, Italy.

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby submit this Communication, Request for Reconsideration and Amendment B, responsive to Examiner Levitan's telephone conversations with the office of Applicants' Attorney on May 18, 24, 25 and 26, 2004; Examiner Kizou's telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney on June 1, 2004 and to the Advisory Action—Date Mailed: May 28, 2003, Paper No. 10, for which a response is due March 03, 2004 by a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire three months from the mailing date of the Office Action.

By this Amendment, the Specification has been amended. A Substitute, New Declaration for Utility Patent Application (37 CFR §1.63) is herewith filed. Applicants wish to thank

Supervisory Patent Examiner Hassan Kizou for his telephone conference with Applicants' Attorney on February 12, 2004 and June 2, 2004.

37 CFR 1.324. Petitions For Correction of Inventorship in U.S. Patent No. 6,272,131, Pursuant To 35 U.S.C. 256 by the First Named Inventor, Yoram Ofek; the added Second, Joint Inventor, Mario Baldi; the Assignee, Synchrodyne, Inc. have been submitted to the USPTO by facsimile transmission on today's date, June 3, 2004, accompanied by the appropriate fee transmittal. A copy of this transmission is herewith provided for Examiner's convenience.

This response is accompanied by the appropriate fee transmittal authorizing the Commissioner to charge any additional fees and credit any overpayments during the pendency of this application to Sitrick & Sitrick's Deposit Account Number: 501166. Additional fees for a three-month extension of time and the Substitute, New Declaration (attached herewith) are due and paid via said fee transmittal form.



Please amend the Specification as follows:

(page 1, lines 2 and 3 of the original specification)
RELATED APPLICATIONS:

This application is a continuation-in-part of application serial number: 09/120,636, filed July 22, 1998—now issued patent number: 6,272,131, issued August 7, 2001—which claims priority from provisional patent application serial number: 60/088,983, filed June 11 1998.



REMARKS

Applicants hereby submit this Communication, Request for Reconsideration and Amendment B, responsive to Examiner Levitan's telephone conversations with the office of Applicants' Attorney on May 18, 24, 25 and 26, 2004; Examiner Kizou's telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney on June 1, 2004 and to the Advisory Action—Date Mailed: May 28, 2003, Paper No. 10, for which a response is due March 03, 2004 by a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire three months from the mailing date of the Office Action.

During the afore-mentioned conversations regarding the previously submitted and not entered Amendment B (originally submitted March 1, 2004, and re-transmitted May 18, 2004; responsive to the Final Office Action—Date Mailed: December 03, 2003, Paper No. 6), Examiner Levitan stated that he did not understand the role of the second named inventor, because the disclosure of the present above-referenced patent application is the same as the disclosure of its parent (U.S. Patent No. 6,272,131), and the first named inventor of the present application was the sole inventor of its parent (U.S. Patent No. 6,272,131).

Examiner then states in the afore-mentioned Advisory Action:

The amendment to the specification raises [a] new issue concerning the inventorship under 102f. Claiming priority to Dr. Ofek patent basically implies that Mr. Baldi is not the inventor of the claimed invention, since the invention is fully disclosed and anticipated by the patent to Dr. Ofek to which Mr. Baldi had no contribution. In other words, Dr. Ofek is a sole inventor of the mentioned parent applicatio[n]/patent including all claims. This continuation-in-part is fully anticipated by the parent application/parent and raise[s] a question of the contribution of the second author[]to the invention.

Subsequent to the receipt of the above Advisory Action, Applicants' Attorney, David Sitrick, had a telephone conversation with Supervisory Examiner Hassan Kizou on June 1, 2004. Supervisory Examiner Kizou advised Applicants' Attorney of two methods of overcoming the afore-mentioned objection: (1) file a petition to drop the second, joint inventor, Mario Baldi, from the present application; or (2) file a petition to add the second, joint inventor, Mario Baldi to the parent application/patent (U.S. Patent No. 6,272,131). Applicants' Attorney discussed this matter with Applicants, and Applicants determined to file 37 CFR 1.324. Petitions For Correction of Inventorship in U.S. Patent No. 6,272,131, Pursuant To 35 U.S.C. 256.

37 CFR 1.324. Petitions For Correction of Inventorship in U.S. Patent No. 6,272,131, Pursuant To 35 U.S.C. 256 by the First Named Inventor, Yoram Ofek; the added Second, Joint

Inventor, Mario Baldi; the Assignee, Synchrodyne Networks, Inc. have been submitted to the U.S.P.T.O. by facsimile transmission on today's date, June 3, 2004, accompanied by the appropriate fee transmittal. A copy of this transmission is herewith provided for Examiner's convenience. Applicants respectfully submit that any and all bases of objection and rejection under 35 USC 102 (f) are hereby traversed and overcome. As Applicants have now satisfied Examiners' requirements to overcome any question as to inventorship, Applicants hereby request Reconsideration After Final, so that the following Amendment B may be entered into the record.

Claims 21-52, 54-67, 82-86 and 89-91 are currently pending in the application. Claims 21-52, 54-67, 82-86 and 89-91 are rejected.

Applicants hereby submit this Amendment B, responsive to the Final Office Action—Date Mailed: December 03, 2003, Paper No. 6, for which a response is due March 03, 2004 by a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire three months from the mailing date of the Office Action.

Claims 21-52, 54-67, 82-86 and 89-91 are currently pending in the application. Claims 21-52, 54-67, 82-86 and 89-91 are rejected.

By this Amendment, the Specification has been amended. A Substitute, New Declaration for Utility Patent Application (37 CFR §1.63) is herewith filed. Applicants wish to thank Supervisory Patent Examiner Hassan Kizou for his telephone conference with Applicants' Attorney on February 12, 2004.

In light of this New Declaration, Applicants respectfully submit that Examiner's rejections of Claims 21-52, 54-67, 82-86 and 89-91 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Ofek (US 6,272,131) are improper and request Examiner to withdraw the Final Office Action. The previously submitted Amendment A, filed August 12, 2003, claimed priority for the present application from Ofek (US 6,272,131) and declared the present application to be a continuation-in-part of Ofek (US 6,272,131).

By virtue of the petitions filed today, the inventorship of US 6,272,131 was corrected to name both Yoram Ofek and Mario Baldi as inventors. Thus, both the present application and parent application/patent (US 6,272,131) name Yoram Ofek and Mario Baldi as common inventors. Both the present application and parent application/patent (US 6,272,131) are assigned to a common owner: Synchrodyne Networks, Inc. The subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time of filing Applicants' present invention, as

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acknowledged by Applicants' Declaration which is filed concurrently with this Amendment B. An Assignment assigning all patent rights to Synchrodyne Networks, Inc. (duly executed by both of the joint inventors of the present Application) was filed by Applicants' Attorney of record on March 28, 2000. Therefore, there is complete identity of inventorship and common ownership of the present application and its parent application/patent (US 6,272,131).

35 U.S.C. §120 provides that a continuation application must be filed by "an inventor or inventors named in the previously filed application." The 1984 amendment to 35 U.S.C. §120 directly allows continuation, divisional, and continuation-in-part applications to be filed even though there is not complete identity of inventorship between the parent and subsequent applications.

37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(1) provides that "In order for an application to claim the benefit of a prior-filed copending nonprovisional application... each prior-filed application must name as an inventor at least one inventor named in the later-filed application and disclose the named inventor's invention claimed in at least one claim of the later-filed application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112." The impact of this rule can be avoided by naming inventor A in the second application and stating some claim supported by the prior application as to which A is a joint or sole inventor. Disclosure support in the Specification of Ofek (US 6,272,131) exists for all claims of the currently pending application.

37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2) provides that "Except for a continued prosecution application... any nonprovisional application... claiming the benefit of one or more prior-filed application... must contain or be amended to contain a reference to each such prior-filed application identifying it by application number (consisting of the series code and serial number)... and indicating the relationship of the applications. Cross references to other related applications may be made when appropriate (see §1.14)." Applicants have already complied with 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2) in Amendment A (filed: August 12, 2003) of the currently pending application.

It is respectfully submitted that in light of this Communication, Request for Reconsideration, Amendment B and the concurrently filed Petitions For Correction of Inventorship in U.S. Patent No. 6,272,131, that the Final Rejection is improper and premature, and that the Final Office Action should be withdrawn.

This response is accompanied by the appropriate fee transmittal authorizing the Commissioner to charge any additional fees and credit any overpayments during the pendency of

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this application to Sitrick & Sitrick's Deposit Account Number: 501166. Additional fees for a three-month extension of time and the Substitute, New Declaration (attached herewith) are due and paid via said fee transmittal form.

It is thus respectfully submitted that by this amendment all basis of objection and rejection have been traversed and overcome, and that the application, including the specification description, claims and drawings are in proper form for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to communicate directly with the undersigned via phone as would be of assistance to expediting prosecution of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT International application, which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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Additionally this Petition is accompanied by the following:

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It has come to my attention, as a party authorized to act on behalf of the Assignee (Synchrodyne Networks, Inc.) of the above-referenced patent, that an error in named inventorship occurred without any deceptive intention the part of the Assignee. I hereby request that Mario Baldi, residing at: Viale Angeli 43, Cuneo, ITALY 12100; a citizen of ITALY be added as the Second, Joint Inventor of this patent.

I. Yoram Ofek, authorized to act on behalf of the Assignee with respect to 37 CFR 3.73(b) to establish ownership, do hereby agree to the above change in inventorship.

Yoram Ofek (Authorized Officer)

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